million rural persons as per Usual Status and 14.32 million rural persons as per Current Daily Status were unemployed as per the 50th Round (1993-94) of the survey.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the following programmes for generation of additional employment opportunities in rural areas all over the country:—

(1) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)

(2) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

(3) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)

Crisis of drinking water in Gujarat

3510. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a very serious crisis of drinking water in Saurashtra, North Gujarat and Kutch areas of Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have studied the Press report that in cities like Rajkot, Jamnagar and Surendranagar, water is given for 30 minutes on alternate days and there are huge demonstrations by women, ransacking of office of Municipal Corporations;

(c) if so, whether the State Government of Gujarat have asked from any assistance for Centre and whether Centre has given any assistance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Reports of acute drinking water shortage in some districts of Gujarat, which appeared in Press, have come to notice of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)Does not arise.

Neora-Khola drinking water project

3511.SHRI DAWALAMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent so far against Neora-Khola drinking water project in Darjeeling District of West Bengal;

(b) what percentage of work has been completed so far; and

(c) how many people have so far been benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the information furnished by the Government of West Bengal, an expenditure of Rs. 3486.25 lakhs has been incurred so far on Neora-Khola drinking water project. This amount includes operation and maintenance costs of Rs. 172.76 lakhs during the year 1992-93 to 1996-97. From 1997-98, fund for operation and maintenance is being provided separately.

(b) Neora-Khola drinking water project has been commissioned without construction of two ground reservoirs. Cost-wise, 90% of the works may be said to be completed.

(c) The scheme involves conveyance of water over more than 80 K.M. stretch of pipeline in most difficult landslide prone hilly terrain. Presently, 12.83 lakh gallons of water is being received from Neora-Khola and Dhaulakhola Sources against a design of 15 lakh gallons per day. The scheme is to provide seven lakh gallons of water per day to the Army establishment at Durbrinda, Algarahand and Pedong. Presently, however, it is being possible to supply 1.45 lakh gallons of water per day to the Army establishment-mainly due to unauthorised tapping. To avoid this, fixed time supply to rural enroute population and a dedicated pipeline for the Army have been thought of.

The rest of the water is being provided to Kalimpong Municipality to serve the people of Kalimpong town. The population of Kalimpong Municipality is 38,787 as per 1991 census.

Performance of Centrally-sponsored schemes in Madhya Pradesh

†3512. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise actual and financial performance of the Centrally-sponsored scheme like Indira Awas Yojana, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, etc. during the last three years in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) to what extent the said target has been achieved;

(c) whether the said target could not be achieved

(d) the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.